

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 346

By Maggart

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Gregory Charles Nash
on qualifying for the USA Gymnastics Junior
Olympic National Championships.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those young persons who, through their dedication and hard work, have distinguished themselves as student-athletes of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Gregory Charles Nash is most assuredly one such extraordinary young person who is richly deserving of this body's praise; and

WHEREAS, Greg, a sixteen-year-old junior at Gallatin High School in Gallatin, Tennessee, made history on April 2, 2005, as the first Sumner County gymnast to qualify for the USA Gymnastics Junior Olympic National Championships. These Championships garner the top gymnasts from the nine Regional Championships throughout the entire United States; and

WHEREAS, this remarkable athlete is a Level 10 gymnast, the highest level of competitive gymnastics in the USA Gymnastics Junior Olympic program; and

WHEREAS, Greg is among an elite group of gymnasts from the State of Tennessee to reach this milestone at the highest caliber of competitive gymnastics; and

WHEREAS, since 1997, Greg has represented Sumner County with a multiplicity of State and Region 8 titles in all-round competition and individual event accolades; and

WHEREAS, in 2004, Greg was both the State and Region 8 Champion as a Level 9 gymnast on his best event, the vault; he also earned accolades as a Gold Medalist at the Regionals on the pommel horse; and

WHEREAS, Greg's 2004 title came on the heels of his 2003 Regional crown, making him a back-to-back Region 8 Vault Champion. With his performance in 2005, Greg created not only a substantial legacy as the first gymnast from Sumner County to qualify for the Junior Olympic National Championships, but now also stands as the most decorated gymnast, male or female, at the State and Regional level from Sumner County; and

WHEREA, in addition to his stellar athletic accomplishments, Greg has been recognized by USA Gymnastics for his academic achievements; he made the USA Gymnastics Academic All-American First Team in 2004 and 2005, an honor that requires a 3.85 GPA or higher; and

WHEREAS, Greg's drive for excellence epitomizes the outstanding character of this young man and is showcased through both his athletic talents, his academic performance, and his diligence to these efforts; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Nash's athletic and academic accomplishments are a great source of pride for his school, his teammates, his family, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Greg epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; his pursuit of excellence in all his endeavors is clearly deserving of the respect and admiration of this legislative body; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Mr. Nash for his remarkable gymnastic achievements; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Gregory Charles Nash upon qualifying for the USA Gymnastics Junior Olympic National Championships, commend him on his steadfast commitment to excellence, and congratulate him on his many athletic and academic accomplishments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we also extend to him our heartfelt best wishes for every future success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

